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Mr Ian Martin
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Dear Mr Martin,

Tunisia

We have been in correspondence recently with your Tunisia Research Team on the persecution of political prisoners in Tunisia and Amnesty International has sent out urgent action notices on the situation.

News reached me yesterday that trials of the detainees are to open on 1 July. We are urgently and particularly concerned because all indications are that President Bourguiba is intent on demanding the death penalty in these cases.

I wonder if Amnesty International would consider sending a lawyer or an observer to attend these trials? The presence of an organisation of your standing would ensure international interest and possibly promote more media concern.

I hope that you will favourably consider this course of action.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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